

## DROUGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Scott Compton  
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Matt Drechsel  
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Minutes of the Meeting  
December 13, 2005 7:00 a.m.  
Garden Café – Manhattan

Committee members present: George Reich, George Alberda, Matt Drechsel, Scott Compton, Maynard Flikkema, Ron Carlstrom, Joe Skinner, Tony Kolnik

- Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved as read.
- Tony Kolnik discussed water right issues in the area. Discussed the possibility of putting on an educational seminar on HR22. Discussed wind generation as an alternative for irrigation. Maybe drought committee could sponsor the meeting. MSU irrigates 250 acres- He would like to have Dean of the College of Agriculture to discuss the problems. Discussed the possibility of leasing water for in-stream flow. Stream consultants would be willing to kick in and have booths. Scott felt that, as a committee, we are advisory to the County; not for putting on educational meetings
- Matt discussed the EQIP programs-the resource group prioritized weeds, water quality and water quantity. NRCS wants to stay on a localized level with small watersheds.
- Maynard asked Tony's mission—Tony stated he wants to educate and he has formed a business doing ponds.
- Matt reported that we are running 200% for the water year—October 1 to September 30. 2 months worth of data. 8.2" of water since October 1, 2005.
- Scott Compton—the effects of the drought aren't over yet. It will take several years to offset the impact. Continue to see low flows on West Gallatin River.
- Joe Skinner has major concern—large canals running through large subdivisions. Not receiving any input from canal companies.
- Joe asked about Outstanding River Watershed—Scott said the water rights should not be affected. Discussion—leverage tool for more control.
- Maynard—not much to discuss. Canals were shut down October 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>.
- George Alberda is currently unemployed and would like breakfast bought. The year went good.
- Next meeting is April 5, 2006 at 7:00 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,  
Ron Carlstrom